

This Week's Action!



Date	Team, Time & Place
Thurs.-Sat.	Varsity basketball at Needville Tournament
Dec. 11-14	Freshmen basketball at Columbus Tournament
Tues., Dec. 16	F, JV & V basketball vs. Palacios, 5 p.m., Here

Varsity boys basketball team takes two of three

The Raiders varsity boys basketball team traveled to the East Bernard tournament over the weekend, winning two but losing in the finals to the Brahmas of East Bernard to come in second.

The loss evens the Raiders record at 4-4 for the season.

In the first game, Thursday night, the Raiders were all over Danbury early, then had to hold off a Danbury rally late to win the game. The final was 62-52.

Led by Jamarcus Brooks with 16 points, the Raiders took control early and were never really threatened after the middle of the second quarter.

Also contributing to the Raider cause were Josh Godley with 13 points; Pete Rangel, 10; Clint Gertson and Kenny Pipkins, six each; and Jay Knight, two.

The key to the game was the Raiders' complete control of the boards. Pulling down 47 rebounds (32 defensive) kept the ball in the Raiders hands most of the night. The Raider fast-break was also evident throughout the night, putting in a lot of shots on breakaways.

On Friday night, the Raiders once again built a seemingly comfortable lead only to see the Brazos Bobcats

come roaring back in the third quarter, almost winning the game.

In the end though, key rebounds and put-backs allowed the Raiders to escape with a 65-60 victory.

Led by Josh Godley's 19 points, Rice once again took control early. Also contributing were Pipkins with 14; Brooks, 11; Gertson, eight; Warren Scott, four; and Rangel and Kevin Godley, two each.

As on Thursday, the Raiders came out and took control of the boards and were getting up and down the floor for many easy shots. Then, the inevitable happened — halftime.

The Raiders seemed to leave their legs in the locker room and suddenly the Bobcats had gotten back into the game.

After a back and forth fourth quarter, the Raiders caught some breaks late, pulling in rebounds off missed free throws and putting them back in to pull out the narrow victory.

On Saturday, the Raiders lost in the championship game, 53-49.

Leading the Raider effort were J. Godley with 15; Scott, nine; Brooks, eight; Gertson, six; Rangel, five; and Jay Knight and Pipkins, three each.

In what their coach called a very sloppy, slow-paced game, the Raiders

got behind early and were never able to catch the Brahmas. Except for one brief flurry, the Raiders seemed completely lost and confused, he added.

During a two-minute stretch in the third quarter, the Raiders got within two points only to see East Bernard pull away and eventually get the win.

Making the All-Tournament team were Warren Scott and Jamarcus Brooks.

This week, the Raiders get a chance for revenge as they travel to East Bernard Tuesday. The freshman were to start at 5 p.m. followed by the JV at 6:30 and varsity at 8.

This weekend finds the Raider freshman at a tournament in Colum-

bus, playing at 5 p.m. on Thursday against the Columbus Red team.

Also, the Raider varsity will travel to Needville for a tournament, playing at 6:30 p.m. Thursday against Hitchcock at Needville High School gym.

Come out and support these young men.

SCORING BY QUARTERS					
Team	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	16	16	10	20	62
Danbury	12	5	7	28	52
Rice	17	15	12	21	65
Brazos	12	12	19	17	60
Rice	10	5	17	17	49
E. Bernard	13	8	13	19	53

8th Grade splits with Leopards, sweeps H'ville

Thursday, Dec. 4, the La Grange Leopards came to town and were involved in two exciting games with the hometown Raiders.

In the first game, Rice played very tough, but came up short, as they fell to the Leopards 33-32 on a shot by La Grange in the final seconds.

Leading the way for the Raiders were Conrad Diggs with 25 points, Jeremy Walker, three; Cleo Johnson, two; and Angel Franco, two. Eyan McClain showed good hustle and defense.

In the second game, the Raiders started slow, falling behind early, but kept it close throughout the game. The Raiders were determined not to lose this game, as they fought and clawed their way to tie the game with under a minute left. Then they pressured the Leopards into a costly turnover as Jason Barrow stole the ball and passed to Adrian Middleton for the easy lay-up with 10 seconds left.

La Grange then came down and had two shots to tie the game, but they wouldn't fall, and the Raiders rode off with a 32-30 victory.

Leading the Raiders in scoring were Middleton, nine points; Jermal Wright, seven; Barrow, six; Dante Fuller and Norris Powell, four each; and Jerry Cleveland, two.

Coach Ehrlich said, "The 'desire to win' by the team was a major factor in the outcome of the game."

Monday, Dec. 8, Hallettsville traveled to Eagle Lake and were butchered by the Raiders!

In the first game, Rice started out in neutral, but by the second quarter were in overdrive as they pressed their way to a decisive 40-26 victory.

Diggs led with 19 points, Johnson, 11; Walker, eight, and Franco two.

Playing an excellent defensive game were Johnson, McClain and Franco.

The second game lived up to the

game. "The effort was there, despite playing the game without key players," said their coach.

The Lady Raiders record was 1-4, with the 63-28 loss to Stroman the latest setback.

Dec. 2, the Lady Raiders played their first home game against Weimar.

Weimar jumped out to an early first quarter lead of 9-6 and held the Ladies the entire game, despite several scoring runs.

Chazara Scott led the Lady Raiders with 12 points; Amy Obenhaus led the team in rebounds with 11.

Other scorers were Tierra Wright, eight points; Obenhaus six points; Briana Bedford four points; Arlisha Lemons three points; Petra Sewell and Natesha Glover chipped in two points each.

The Lady Raiders lost the game to Weimar 47-37, bringing their season record to 1-5.

Friday, Dec. 5, the Lady Raiders

traveled to Needville with the JV game starting at 5 p.m. followed by the varsity at 6:30.

The Lady Raiders got their second victory of the year, 58-55.

Mildred Smith sparked the Lady Raiders from the start.

The Ladies jumped out to a 17-8 first quarter lead that was filled with fouls being called on both teams.

Due to foul trouble, the Lady Raiders had to slow the game up to the liking of Needville, but ended the half with a 29-21 lead.

After halftime, Needville picked up their shooting to change the pace of the game which was 45-45 after regulation, leading to overtime.

The overtime created several problems for both teams. Rice lost three starters to fouls along with Needville.

The overtime period ended with a great victory for Rice, 58-55. The girls played hard and showed lots of heart.

Smith and Obenhaus lead the team to the overtime win; Smith had 21; Wright, 11; Obenhaus, 10; Bedford, six; Lemons, five; Scott, four; and Glover, one.

Lady 'fish' fight hard

Tuesday, Nov. 11, the Lady Raider freshmen basketball team played St. Joseph's in a tough, defensive game, losing 29-8.

With several players absent, five girls played the entire game, not being able to come out for a rest at any time. They never gave up or gave out.

Much credit goes to Colleen Sevcik, Patricia Najera, Leteshia Banks and Tanika Scott who contributed two points each.

Lakeish Utley played a strong defensive game at point guard.

Last Monday night, the freshmen girls defeated Victoria Stroman in a (See Fish, Page 8)

RAIDER REVIEW

Who's Zat?

Who could this cute little Wonder Woman be? This photograph was shown to some of the student body in hopes that they could guess the identity of this adorable little girl. The only clue they were given was that she is currently a senior.

Perhaps she wasn't awake yet, but Laine Labay was stumped when asked in first period who this little lady was. Angie Leopold thought those lips belonged to Stephanie Thompson.

James Aviles and Hugo Hernandez guessed it was Kelly Matthys and

Kasey Tillman was sure it was Kara Bennett. They were all very surprised to find out that they all guessed incorrectly.

Rebal Canaris and Carmen Llorca knew that it would be none other than Jenny Hajovsky. They replied, "It looks just like her. You can tell it's Jenny when you look at her eyes."

Joey Sommerlatte, Ralph Gertson, Barrett Thomas and Delana Smith also guessed correctly.

Jenny is the daughter of Jerry and Fran Hajovsky of Sheridan.

She is involved in FFA (president), National Honor Society (president), 4-H (president and county treasurer), Student Council Corresponding Secretary, Jr. Fair Board President, Flag Corps 2nd Lt., Band Treasurer and Yearbook Editor.

Some of her proudest accomplishments are: winning first place Jr. Commercial Steer at the Houston Livestock Show, 1997 Colorado County Fair Queen and being involved in so many different organizations.

When asked about her most memorable childhood memory, Jenny replied, "There are so many! One that

comes to mind is when I learned to dance on my dad's feet, and my mom just watched and laughed."

Her parents were asked what they remembered most about Jenny when she was a baby. Their response was, "I remember Jenny as a bright eyed baby who was born eager to learn about her new world. She could talk and read before she walked. She finally did walk in a Toys R Us store."

On the weekends Jenny spends her time working at Schobels' Restaurant and being with her friends.

She plans to attend Texas A&M University, majoring in Agricultural Journalism.

Jenny's words to live by, "Not in the stars, but in ourselves lies our destiny." William Shakespeare

Meet the Raider

By Jenny Hajovsky

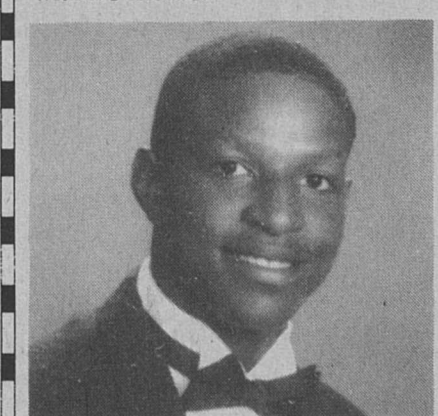
Shining brightly in the Raider spotlight this week is Joshua Godley. Josh, wearing jersey #10, is a wing on the varsity basketball team.

When asked about the team and their outlook, Josh said, "I feel this

team is very dedicated to winning and succeeding and our chances for this season are great."

Josh commented on the coaches, saying, "These coaches are really good at what they do, and it is a shame that we, seniors, will only have them for one year."

Joshua is the son of proud parents Mable and Joseph Godley of Altair. He also plays football. On the weekends he likes to go out and have fun with his friends.



Josh Godley

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